Iohn I giue thee leaue to tell me, ſo I lay aſide that which growes to me, if thou getſt any leaue of me, hang me, if thou takſt leaue, thou wert better be hangd, you hunt coũter, hence, auaunt.

Seru. Sir, my Lord would ſpeake with you.

Iuſt. Sir Iohn Falſtaffe, a word with you.

Falſt. My good Lord, God giue your lordſhip good time of day, I am glad to ſee your lordſhip abroade, I heard ſay your lordſhip was ſicke, I hope your lordſhip goes abroade by aduiſe, your lordſhip, though not clean paſt your youth, haue yet ſome ſmack of an ague in you, ſome reliſh of the ſaltnes of time in you, and I moſt humbly beſeech your lordſhip to haue a reuerend care of your health.

Iuſtice Sir Iohn, I ſent for you before your expedition to Shrewsbury.

ſir Iohn And t pleaſe your lorſhip, I heare his maieſty is returnd with ſome diſcomfort from Wales.

Iuſt. I talke not of his maieſty, you would not come when I ſent for you.

Falſt. And I heare moreouer, his highnes is falne into this ſame horſon apoplexi.

Iuſt. Well, God mend him, I pray you let me ſpeake with you.

Falſt. This appoplexi as I take it? is a kind of lethergie, and't pleaſe your lordſhip, a kind of ſleeping in the bloud, a horſon tingling.

Iuſt. What tell you me of it, be it as it is.

Falſt. It hath it originall from much griefe, from ſtudy, and perturbation of the braine, I haue read the cauſe of his effects in Galen, it is a kind of deafenes.

Iuſt. I think you are falne into the diſeaſe, for you heare not what I ſay to you.

Old. Very wel my lord, very wel, rather and't pleaſe you it is the diſeaſe of not liſtning, the maladie of not marking that I am troubled withall.

Iuſt. To puniſh you by the heeles, would amend the attention

tion of your eares, and I care not if I doe become your phiſitian.

Falſt. I am as poore as Iob my lord, but not ſo pacient, your Lordſhip may miniſter the potion of impriſonment to me, in reſpect of pouerty, but how I ſhould be your pacient to follow your preſcriptions, the wiſe may make ſom dramme of a ſcruple or indeede a ſcruple it ſelfe.

Iuſt. I ſent for you when there were matters againſt you for your life to come ſpeake with me.

Falſt. As I was then aduiſde by my learned counſail in the lawes of this land ſeruice, I did not come.

Iuſt. Wel, the truth is ſir Iohn, you liue in great infamy.

Falſt. He that buckles himſelfe in my belt cannot liue in leſſe.

Iuſt. Your meanes are very ſlender, and your waſte is great.

Falſt. I would it were otherwiſe, I would my meanes were greater and my waſte ſlender.

Iuſt. You haue miſled the youthfull prince.

Falſt. The yong prince hath miſled me, I am the felow with the great belly, and he my dogge.

Iuſt. Wel, I am loth to gall a new heald wound, your daies ſeruice at Shrewsbury, hath a little guilded ouer your nights exploit on Gadshill, you may thanke th'vnquiet time, for your quiet orepoſting that action.

Falſt. My lord.

Iuſt. But ſince all is well, keepe it ſo, wake not a ſleeping wolfe.

Falſt. To wake a wolfe, is as bad as ſmell a fox.

Iuſt. What you are as a candle, the better part, burnt out.

Falſt. A waſſel candle my lord, all tallow, if I did ſay of wax, my growth would approue the truth.

Iuſt. There is not a white haire in your face, but ſhould haue his effect of grauity.

Falſt. His effect of grauy, grauie, grauie.

Iuſt. You follow the yong prince vp and downe, like his ill angell.